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### AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 16, 2009, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the Listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.